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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF TERRORISTS: SELECTION OF SUDANESE ATTORNEY

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1. DEPT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY'S CRITERIA AND ORDER OF PREFERENCE IN SELECTING ATTORNEY. BERGSTROM HAS PARTICULARLY HIGH REGARD FOR GALAL ALI LUFTI'S INTEGRITY AND AGREES THAT HE IS BEST FIRST CHOICE, ALTHOUGH OTHERS ARE ALSO GOOD CANDIDATES.

2. MRS. NOEL AND MRS. MOORE BELIEVE LUFTI AND OTHERS ARE ALL SUITABLE CANDIDATES. IN ADDITION, BOTH WIVES RECOMMEND AHMAD ATABANI AS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND THEIR HUSBANDS. WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH ATABANI'S LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS. IN VIEW HIS CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH FAMILIES, EMBASSY MAY WISH CONSULT HIM AND, IF SATISFIED WITH HIS QUALIFICATIONS, CONSIDER HIM AMONG TOP TWO CANDIDATES. ROGERS

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